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SUBJ: JORDANIAN COURT FORMED TO PREVENT SALE OF W. BANK LAND

1. AMMAN PRESS MAY 27 ANNOUNCED JORDANIAN CABINET HAS FORMED SPECIAL FIVE-MAN COURT UNDER 1973 "LAW OF PREVENTION OF SALE OF PROPERTIES TO THE ENEMY." SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES MENTION THAT COURT HAS BEGUN INVESTIGATION OF 48 CASES.

2. LAW STIPULATES, INTER ALIA, THAT WHOEVER SELLS ANY ESTATE (LAND OR BUILDING) TO AN ISRAELI IS SUBJECT TO DEATH PENALTY, TOGETHER WITH CONFISCATION OF HIS PROPERTY.

3. AHMAD TOUQAN OF ROYAL JERUSALEM COMMITTEE STATED TO EMBOFF THAT ACTIVATION OF COURT AT THIS TIME PRIMARILY TO DEAL WITH SALES OF LAND AROUND JERUSALEM(MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS JERUSALEM AND AMMAN CABLES). INASMUCH AS MOST ARABS SELLING LAND ARE
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WEST BANK RESIDENTS, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER JORDANIAN COURT

SENTENCES FOR CRIMINAL ACTIONS OBVIOUSLY UNENFORCEABLE.
HOWEVER, GOJ ABLE TO CONFISCATE ANY BANK ACCOUNTS OR PROPERTY
IN EAST BANK BELONGING TO LAWBREAKERS. TOUQAN ADMITTED HOWEVER
THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF LAW WAS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO PROBLEM IN
HOPES OF DETERRING FURTHER SALES. PICKERING

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